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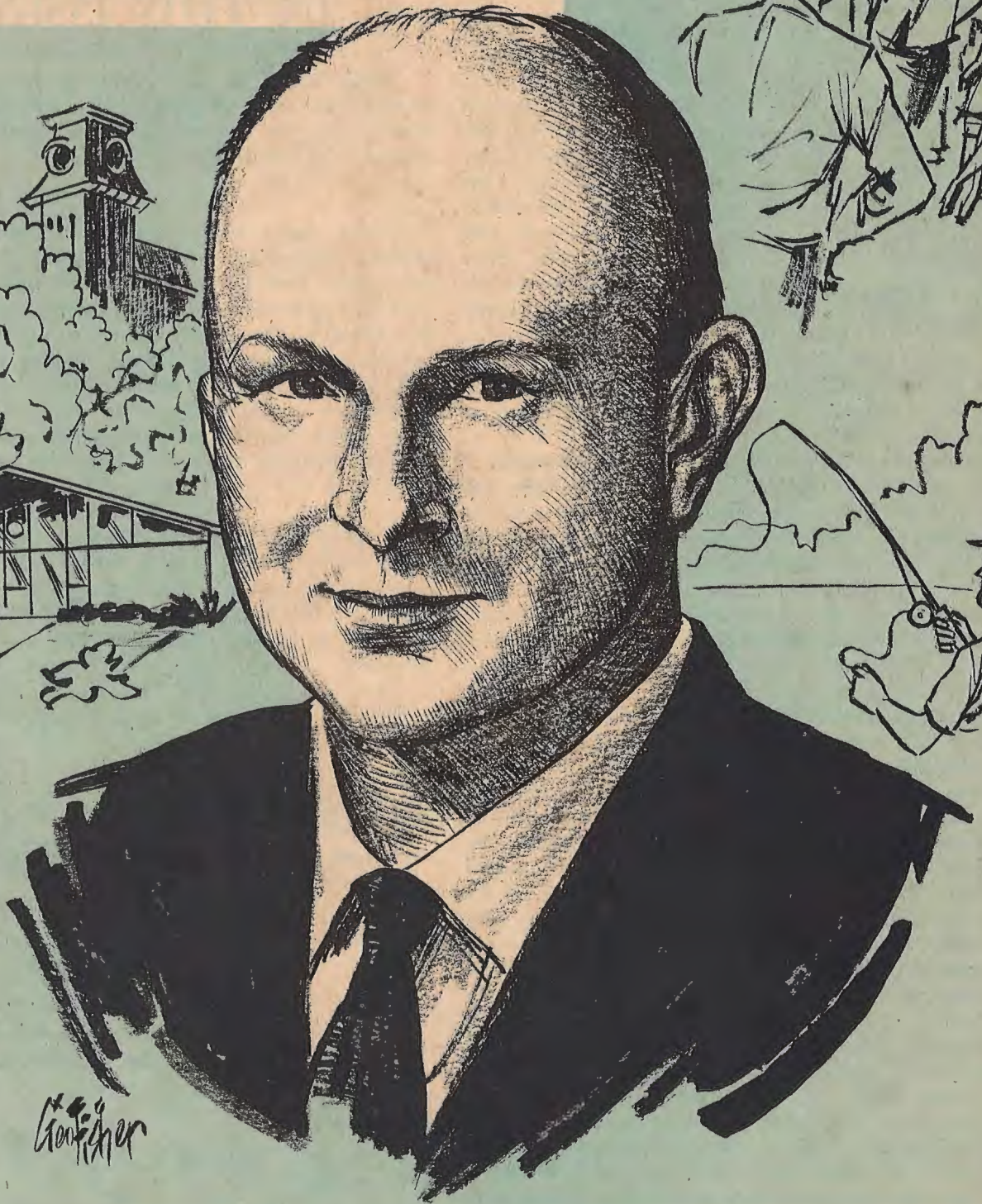
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# Arkansas Baptist

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**Much Ado In Detroit, Page 10**

# personally speaking

## 'Down in Arkansas'

THIS, too, happened "down in Arkansas."

As I was driving home from the office, on a recent late afternoon, I had to wait for a stoplight at Sixth and



ERWIN L.

Broadway. One of the last vehicles to cross in front of me was a half-ton truck, going north on Broadway. The driver, an "upper-middleaged" man, seemed bent on crossing in spite of the fact that the yellow light of caution had come on some time before he had reached the intersection. The truck advanced no more than half way across the intersection when the light turned red, making the driver guilty of running a stop light. Fortunately for the traffic violater, there was no traffic officer among the witnesses. And those of us he might have hit managed to stay out of his way.

Making my turn, also to the north on Broadway, I caught up with the truck as it waited at a red light just a block beyond the "scene of the crime." And what do you suppose the truck wore across its rear? A neat sticker with the laudable admonition: "Support your local police"!

Not all of us have a heavy accelerator foot. But many of us have a hard time practicing what we preach. Right? Right!

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AS this is written, Mrs. McDonald and I are getting ready to help swell the mounting Southern Baptist tide that flows from all over the world to Detroit for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. We are making the usual valiant effort to get everything taken care of and to get to bed for a good night's rest ahead of an early departure, in the family car, Saturday morning. And this has happened so many times, in the case of other departures, that we both secretly know how it is going to come out. We'll both be working fast and furiously till at least midnight of the night before. And we'll not get much rest or sleep in anticipation of the big trip.

We hope to be two voting messengers among an expected 13,000 at the Detroit sessions. Two others from our church—Park Hill, North Little Rock—have been duly elected as messengers to the convention: our pastor, Dr. Rheubin L. South, and John Cutsinger, business manager at the Baptist Building. Our church was eligible for the maximum of ten messengers, but only four of us were going.

Our church has not instructed us how to vote on a single possible issue, for we are messengers, not delegates. Each one of us will be at perfect liberty to hear both

sides of any matter up for decision and to vote his own conviction. All of which emphasizes the heavy stewardship that goes along with our Baptist democracy. Certainly the privilege of going as a messenger to a Baptist convention is not something to be taken lightly. The need for an unbroken prayer line is strongly indicated.

*Erwin L. McDonald*

## IN THIS ISSUE:

BEGINNING on page 6, Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson continues his series on federal aid to education. "Church Policies and the Public Powers" is divided into seven articles. The fourth appears in this issue.

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THIS issue is being read in the city to which all Southern Baptist eyes are turned—Detroit. Right now the Convention is in full swing, and next week's issue will carry full accounts of the happenings, with an on-the-spot report by the Editor. Printed in full, beginning on page 8, is the powerful annual sermon, preached this year by Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Page 10 capsules the issues before the Convention messengers. A look at the Baptist Education Study Task begins on page 12.

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A BELOVED figure in Southern Baptist life is retiring for the second time. A review of the outstanding career of Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins is on page 19. At the age of 80, Dr. Dobbins leaves the post of Distinguished Professor of Church Administration at Golden Gate Seminary.

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### After 15 years

WE are happy to feature on the cover this week a portrait of Jamie Jones, who is observing his 15th anniversary as Baptist Student Union director on the University of Arkansas campus, Fayetteville.

In these days of mobility and rapid change, for one to stay in one state—or one section of the country—for fifteen years is most unusual. Such tenure of service as that of Mr. Jones is especially remarkable for one engaged in his calling, a calling that, up to now, has not been noted for long engagements.

Mr. Jones not only has served long but well in one of the most strategic posts Baptists have in Arkansas. Operating on a shoe-string budget, he has gone on to achieve great things in a ministry that has touched the lives of thousands of Baptist young people receiving their education on the grounds of a state institution.

This might be an appropriate time to take note of what seems to be a new interest of Baptists of Arkansas in the over-all BSU program. More and more our people at the grassroots are saying, one way or another, "We must do more for our young people on the college campuses."

State BSU Director Dr. Tom Logue, himself worthy of a place on anybody's cover page, pointed out recently a tremendous increase in the percentage of young people going to college or university. Whereas in 1950, sixteen years ago, only 21 percent of the nation's young people between the ages of 18 and 21 were in college, today the percentage is 35. And an ever increasing percentage of these are going on to graduate school. In less than ten years, the number of Baptists in college in Arkansas has almost doubled, increasing from 6,569 in 1957 to 12,266 this year.

Not the least of the factors back of a new interest in BSU work is the better image of the BSU director. Once the student director was thought of as being mainly a recruiter for the Baptist churches in his college town. Today more and more people are coming to see him in his true role, that of counselor, teacher and spiritual advisor. With a trend in recent years for most students to go home every weekend, more pastors and congregations are realizing that the campus affords a great mission opportunity in which they wish to share.

Each year approximately 70 college students are won to Christ through the BSU ministry and join local Bap-

tist churches. Seventy-five Arkansas students will work this year as summer missionaries. The fact that half of all Southern Baptist foreign missionaries received their education at non-Baptist colleges bears witness to the missionary influence of the BSU on these campuses.

### Dr. Lewis A. Myers

LAST week our paper carried the news of the death of Dr. Lewis A. Myers, 73, beloved former editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. Dr. Myers had the distinction of being the only man ever to serve as editor of three different Baptist state papers, having served in this capacity in Missouri and in New Mexico, as well as in Arkansas. Upon his retirement from the New Mexico editorship a few years ago he moved with his family to Hot Springs, where he had since made his home.

In retirement, Dr. Myers had continued to be active in his church, First Church, Hot Springs. His pastor, Rev. Lehman F. Webb, wrote of him, in a memorial on the front page of the church paper:

"While a member of this church, Dr. Myers filled many positions, including that of Sunday School teacher, chairman of personnel committee, editor of *The Messenger* (the church's weekly bulletin), and member of the Brotherhood committee which launched and helped direct the Sunday morning radio broadcasts. To each of these he brought the enthusiasm and efficiency which characterized his every performance. In addition to these duties, he had just completed a two-volume history of New Mexico Baptists soon to be published."

We are grateful to God for this great man and his tremendous influence.

### Editorialette . . .

WE have been reconciled to God through Christ. We are ministers of reconciliation. God has called us to this ministry. We are not called to be apostles of discord and contention. We have been invested with the message of reconciliation. This is a total, all-out ministry. It takes in all that we are, all that we have, in time and in talents. It reaches into all areas of life. There are no separating compartments to divide the sacred from the so-called secular. All of life is sacred.

"Go tell it on the mountain." And shout it in the valleys.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *the people SPEAK*



### From Vietnam . . . 'The least of these'

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written to First Church, Marianna, by one of its members in Vietnam, who receives the Arkansas Baptist News-magazine through his church. It is shared with our readers through the courtesy of Rev. Lewis E. Clarke, pastor of the church.—ELM*

THIS is a note of heart felt gratitude for your gift of pajamas for the patients here in the Province Hospital in Nhatrang, South Viet-Nam.

There is a deep belief here that this war in Viet-Nam cannot be won by guns alone—that it cannot, for that matter, be won at all unless we gain control of the hearts and minds of the Viet-Nameese people. We are vying with the Viet Cong for the loyalties of a war-weary people. We need more acts such as this gift from you to help us gain the support of the people from the small hamlets and villages of South Viet-Nam. The side that accomplishes this will win the war.

The first patient to get a new pair of pajamas was a leg amputee case. The chief nurse called me to the front of the hospital one morning and showed me the patient . . . with his new pajamas, in a wheel chair. It was the first time that the patient had been out of bed since surgery—he had been confined to the ward since surgery because he did not have anything to put on. It was most gratifying to me and I am reminded that even as we do unto the least of these so do we unto Christ—as He has told us.

Thank all of you so very much. Include the surgical team in your daily prayers.—Herbert Ray

### Behind the scenes

PLEASE allow me to add my congratulations on your book. I feel that *Across the Editor's Desk* does a great service for the field of religious journalism in showing the Baptist paper reader what's behind the scenes.

When a copy of your book arrived, I decided to ask someone on the *Signal* staff to review it. No one was available, so, as I thought, I was stuck with the job. But, as soon as I opened the book I found I wasn't "stuck" with anything.

I got so interested I couldn't put it down. I even took it to class and finished it during a lecture.

*Across the Editor's Desk* proved to me that the size or type of publication doesn't matter all that much—an editor is still an editor. I especially was able to identify with your problems in taking an editorial stand and with your statement about the "thrill" of watching the presses roll.

I might also add that your book is valuable for book report material.

Thanks again for writing this fine

book. It answered a lot of my questions about state Baptist papers. By the way, has there ever been a woman as editor of a state Baptist paper?—Betty Rowe, Editor of the *Signal*, Ouachita Baptist University

REPLY: Thanks a million, Editor Rowe.

We have had no women editors, but many women have been associate and managing editors. Most of the state paper committees still seem to prefer preachers or theology-oriented laymen. But, who knows, you or one like you may edit one of our papers one of these days!—ELM

### 'A great service'

I HAVE read with great interest your recent book entitled, *ACROSS THE EDITOR'S DESK*. You have done a great service to all Southern Baptists. For this, I sincerely thank you.—Earl Harding, Executive Secretary, Missouri Baptist Convention, Jefferson City, Mo.

### Baptist history emphasis June

JUNE is Evangelism Honor month on the Baptist History Honor Calendar.

The History Commission of Arkansas State Convention suggests that each association search out the church affiliating with it that has the highest life-time ratio of baptisms to its membership for special recognition.

Has any of its affiliating churches not had a year sometime in its history that with pride it can point out as an all time high ingathering? Have there been several outstanding revivals in its history? How many have been baptized into its membership during its lifetime? Who were the individuals and what were the efforts or events that contributed to those great ingatherings? Why should not each church be encouraged to make such a self-examination this month? Would it not add to interest and gain to have a short report at the Monthly workers conference as well as honoring the leading church in evangelism? Please let your District Commissioner know full details of your program.—Dr. George T. Blackmon, Executive Secretary, History Commission, ABSC

### Cleansing the temple

WE have heard much recently about accepting federal aid for the construction of a new science building at OBU, and last month we studied about Church versus State in Training Union. We withstood the test and did not accept federal aid. On the other hand, some of our churches are compromising the principles of Christianity and detracting from the worship services on Sunday by permitting profit-making organizations — photography studios,

under the guise of publishing free pictorial church directories—to enter our churches on Sunday, and take pictures of the church activities and family group pictures, with the ultimate purpose of selling family photographs.

They (the salesmen) say that they are absolutely free to the church and are made at no cost to the church whatsoever. When asked how they can afford such services, the answer is given, "If some church does not buy any, this is offset by other churches where over fifty percent of the church families purchase family photographs."

We are reminded of the example set by the Master Teacher in the 21st chapter of St. Matthew, verses 12 and 13: "And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Are we not permitting pictures to be sold for profit and orders taken right inside God's house? Are we glorifying the name of Christ through this practice? It is time for each of us as disciples of Christ to do our part to prevent any activity that would detract in any manner from true worship of God. It is time for each one of us to stand and be counted for the true principles on which Christ founded His Church.—Crawford Welch, North Little Rock

**THE spelling and sentence structure in this department are those of the writers. The only editing of letters to the editor is the writing of headlines and, occasionally, deletion of parts that are not regarded as essential.**

### Three win awards

ARKANSAS led all states as Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, presented three of its nine scholarship awards this year to Arkansans.

Miss Ruby Hawthorn, Hot Springs, received the Elizabeth G. Price Memorial Award, given to the woman in the religious education graduating class with the highest average.

Larry M. Taylor, North Little Rock, was presented the Albert Venting Jr. Memorial Award, given to the member of the graduating class selected by the theology faculty as being qualified to give the class address.

Jay N. Heflin, Little Rock, won the Stella P. Ross Memorial Award in New Testament, given to the outstanding student in the New Testament department.

## The Cover



—Portrait by George Fisher

### Jamie Jones honored

JAMIE JONES, director of the Baptist Student Union of University of Arkansas since 1951, will celebrate his fifteenth anniversary on June 1. Mr. Jones is a native of Alabama and a graduate of Auburn University where he served as BSU president. He has an MRE degree from Southwestern Seminary and has done further graduate work at Southern Seminary. His wife, Beverly, is also Alabamian and they met through the BSU at Auburn University.

The Joneses have five children Jamie Jr., Suzanne, Rusty, Cindy, and Nancy.

Jamie is an avid hunter and fisherman. His friends accuse him of locating in Northwest Arkansas because of the excellent opportunities to fish and hunt.

In 1961 Mr. Jones made a mission tour of Mexico through the summer mission program of the state Baptist Student Union, carrying with him four students. In 1963 he led the group of Arkansans to the Baptist World Youth Congress in Beirut, Lebanon. He also attended the Baptist World Youth Congress in Toronto, Canada in 1957.

Prior to the erection of the present Baptist Student center in 1957, the Jones family lived on the second floor of the old center, a residence at the same location. Needless to say, all of the Jones family was intimately involved in BSU work.

Said Dr. Tom Logue, state director of the Baptist Student Union:

"Jamie is a tireless worker and is respected as one of the best student directors in our convention. When he sees that a job needs to be done, he allows nothing to stop him from giving his best."

Sunday has been designated "Jamie Jones Day" at First Church, Fayetteville, where Jones and his family are members.

### Award to Moyers

DR. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio-Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, said that there had been no change in plans to give the Convention's Distinguished Communications Medal to White House Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers.

He described as "completely erroneous" an article in the *Baptist Standard* which said plans to make the award had been canceled.

The paper said the cancellation was "a result of Moyers' withdrawing his name from the program."

Dr. Stevens, of Fort Worth, Tex., in Washington, D. C., to speak at a local church, said the *Standard* was a Dallas Baptist paper and did not speak for the Convention.

Stevens said the award would be presented to Moyers at the White House at a later date because Moyers was unable to attend the convention in Detroit, when the award was scheduled to be made.

There has been some reported criticism of Mr. Moyers, an ordained Baptist minister, after publication of a picture of him dancing the Watusi at a benefit ball in Washington.

# Church policies and the public powers

BY C. EMANUEL CARLSON, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
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## IV. The interactions between the ecclesiological and the juridical.

THE modern world has in large measure accepted the idea of a secular state whose power is law and whose purpose is justice. Theocracy is rare in today's world, and actually complete statism is also uncommon. But the lines of separation between the ecclesiological and the juridical are variously drawn in different cultures and in different situations. In fact, they are differently drawn in different areas of our nation, and with reference to different concerns. One of the important points to which a concern for religious liberty must be applied is at the point of the interactions between "the church" and "the state," using those words in a generic sense, and without applying the concepts of "secular" or "sacred" to either institution.

In the next several minutes I want you to look at that line of "separation," and try to classify the numerous and diverse kinds of interpermeation between these two major areas of organized living. They are both in the world by the purposes of God for man. We need and want both of them in every community.

Let us begin with the penetrations of the state (that is, the juridical) into the structures of the ecclesiological. I am suggesting that our concern for freedom will be advanced if we distinguish three kinds of state penetration, and then analyze each to see any effects on religious liberty. Later we shall look at the penetrations of the church into the structures and activities of the state.

### 1. The penetrations into "the church" by "the state."

(1) IN fulfillment of its task of **protecting persons** the power of the state follows the person into the ecclesiological institutions. This form of penetration is so common and so generally accepted that even churches think of it as legitimate service rather than as state intrusion.

In order to review the scope of this kind of interaction a simple list of illustrations may be sufficient. Each merits an analysis for which we do not have the time here, but note that:

- safety and fire regulations apply to religious institutions;
- building codes re materials, standards, engineering, et al., all apply to "religious" buildings;
- the police authority to keep order is used even in a church;
- sanitation laws and inspections are usually ap-

- plied to equipment and personnel;
- pure food and drug laws make no exceptions for religious institutions;
- epidemics cause legal cancellations of right of assembly;
- many courts will award liability claims against religious organizations;
- the school lunch programs are carried out in private schools;
- pupil testing, counseling, and remedial health and psychological services are being made available in the private schools;
- some communities even provide public transportation for children to private schools.

These, and many other forms of personal protection, are provided under the law of the land by the use of juridical powers. Perhaps it is a distinctive of a free society that the government gives this priority to the protection of the rights of a person over the rights of religious institutions to carry out their programs. Snake handling thus becomes illegal. Bigamy as a religious rite is proscribed. The "blue baby" is given blood transfusions by court order, even when church and parents object. In ancient Rome there was "patria potestas," the power of the father over the child to the point of life and death, but our government is built on the theory that the rights of man to life are superior to those of the institutions of society. The state is the agent of society that gives that protection.

Thus this power is used in support of freedom and not in violation of it. It does mean a penetration of the church by the state powers, but within its proper limits it does not transgress the religious liberty of people. "Separation" is not something like a mountain—it is a proper use of different kinds of power.

(2) Closely related to this protection for the person is the penetration of public justice into the institutions of religion.

When a church split occurs and two factions struggle to get the property, the courts are called to bring justice to bear. In cases of embezzlement, robbery, theft, and bankruptcy there is no hesitancy about using the investigating and coercive powers of the state for justice in the church.

Likewise, justice under tax laws is implemented by the cooperation of churches with reference to records. The apprehensions regarding the rights of religiously employed persons to prepare for retirement as members of social security have passed, and

those rights are a matter of justice. There is now a mounting demand that religious institutions should be required to pay unemployment insurance so that justice can be done to any employee that becomes unemployed.

The precise extent to which this principle is currently in practice in the church has not had enough attention in our discussions. However, when an institution becomes in some degree "public" by the acceptance of tax funds or a public mandate, penetration of public justice expands immediately. Thus the "Hill-Burton hospitals" must deal justly with doctors who wish to practice their profession, and with patients who desire care.

Similarly, colleges and other private or church-related institutions that enjoy some public benefits must deal justly with the general public that desires their services. These principles have been recently in the public view so that the nation's purposes regarding the applications of justice are no longer in doubt. Even the institutions that are only partly public cannot discriminate on the basis of race, of color, or of national origin.

How far future public policy will go in this direction we cannot predict, but perhaps we should be prepared to have tax-exemption be identified as a public benefit that demands the acceptance of public standards of justice. Certainly, any church institution that may have qualms about the acceptance of the public's minimum standards of justice is in a difficult situation. Even without significant public aids, the courts have applied society's judgments on justice for women and children, overruling the right of men to practice bigamy.

While churches ought to be free to challenge the state's concepts of justice, in practice this challenge can only be persuasive when made in behalf of higher levels of justice. **Justice has a prophetic quality.** A church has no future if it cannot achieve even the level of justice demanded by the social order through state actions. Clearly, justice is necessary to freedom, and not in violation of it. Freedom is not the simple absence of restraint but rather it is that just society that cares for its members by affording them a well ordered and equitable opportunity to live and fulfill life's purposes.

(3) The third form of penetration is the achievement of public goals, i.e., national policy or the general welfare, through ecclesiological institutions. This is probably the major point of tension and of difficulty at present. Let us try to see if the facts are clear, and whether guidelines can be available.

In recent years the national concern for health has been extended by public grants to hospitals without asking whether they are publicly owned or privately owned—just so they are real "nonprofit" hospitals that are "needed" in terms of the State's findings. The public welfare sought is the care of the sick, not the building of the hospital.

Also, for years past a goodly number of church-related colleges have had R.O.T.C. units on campuses

on the basis of agreements or contracts with the military departments of government. Some church-related colleges have even been "land grant colleges" for the advancement of the public interest in good agricultural methods. More recently many colleges served the public interest with V-12 or other military programs, or through helping the G.I.'s return to civilian life and to overcome the lost time. Many states have made rehabilitation contracts for services to particular handicapped persons, and in some states the department of education has leaned heavily on the private and church-related colleges for providing certified teachers for the public schools. In recent years seminaries have generally been outside of these public welfare programs. However, even this is not an absolute wall for during World War II, when the military sought rapid expansion of the chaplaincies, some contracts were arranged for training chaplains.

The current expansion of the public interest in higher education has charted vast extensions of the public sector in colleges generally. Dormitory loans, research grants, graduation fellowships and aids have now been followed by building grants, loans and scholarships to students. Now grants for books, for community services, for library training, and an assortment of student aids have been created by the 89th Congress.

Another area of effort in which public policy has been pursued through church-related agencies is that of foreign goodwill. "People to people" foreign aid was judged to be more effective in winning friends for the American nation and for our way of life with the result that millions of dollars worth of publicly owned food products have been distributed through church-related agencies. Many foreign missionaries had previously carried out educational and health services to foreign peoples at the public expense of that government, but now church servants distribute food and aids supplied by the American government, and shipped to the scene of need.

The foregoing instances of implementing the public interest through church-related agencies stand in contrast to those under (1) and (2) above, i.e., those protecting the person and those pursuing justice. This third category of permeation is "co-operative" rather than "compulsory." The church agencies are free not to cooperate. They do "co-operate" because it enlarges the scope of the service. The particular meaning of "cooperation," then, must be studied in each project because no uniform pattern exists. "Cooperation" is as hard to define as "separation!"

However, what was once a small wedge of public interest in the pie now promises to become a major portion. Shall our Baptist institutions go along? Can they resist the institutional competition involved and still survive? If they do go along, how long should they be owned and operated by conventions and their churches? If the public interest in higher education becomes adequate to the needs of society, industry,

(Continued on page 13)



# The unpaid debt of Southern Baptists

By Ray E. Roberts

## INTRODUCTION

WHEN financial income is at an all time high, it may seem out of place to call attention of Southern Baptists to unpaid debts. In speaking to a group of students on one occasion, a college president is reported to have given a warning on unwise budget planning and the accumulation of personal debts. He said, "If your *out* go exceeds your *income* then your *over* head will be your *down* fall." Although there is much wisdom in this brief statement, the text found in Romans I indicates the debt referred to in this message is of a far different nature.

## I THE NATURE OF THE DEBT

WHEN the apostle Paul said "I am debtor both to the Greeks and the barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise," he might have been giving one of the most concise and accurate definitions of stewardship anywhere to be found. He was expressing a sacred and inescapable obligation which had been thrust upon him due to an experience which had occurred on the road to Damascus. He had an encounter with Jesus Christ which had completely revolutionized his life. This experience had caused him to know firsthand that the gospel was "the power of God unto salvation." It had worked for him and for everyone else who had given Christ a chance in their lives. He knew it would work—he was not ashamed of it—it had never failed—he had never had to be embarrassed to recommend it to lost sinners. Without hesitation he could say in answer to the query of

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the Philippian jailer "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Paul didn't need to worry about God's being dead because he was spiritually alive himself and was in constant touch with the power of God as it transformed the lives of sinners.

As born again children of God who are fortunate enough to be members of Southern Baptist churches, we are not just stewards of material possessions or time or talent. We are stewards of a wonderful, glorious experience that came to us through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ who saved us and transformed our lives. We have an obligation to share this experience with a lost world.

Statements of our Lord such as "ye are to be witnesses unto me," "go ye" and "as the father hath sent me even so send I you" serve to remind us that this debt is of a "divinely spiritual" nature and that "every man must render an account of his life unto God," in the light of how seriously we acknowledge this debt. When Lyman Beecher was on his deathbed someone asked, "Dr. Beecher, will you please tell us the greatest work that man can do in this world." "The greatest work," replied the dying theologian, "is not to rule a kingdom. It is not political or ecclesiastical power; neither is it scientific, philosophical, nor even theological knowledge. The greatest work that a person can do in this world is to lead a soul to Jesus Christ."

## II THE SCOPE OF THE DEBT

"BOTH to the Greek and the barbarian, to the wise and the unwise." It is said that a Greek philosopher who served as tutor for Alexander the Great when he was a young boy said to him one day, "There are only two kinds of people in the world, Greeks and barbarians." "If that be the case," he responded, "I will capture the world and make Greeks out of everyone." How near he came to succeeding is a matter of history and is reflected in Paul's statement here. "Greeks and barbarians, wise and unwise" points out to us that the debt is universal in its scope. This scope is magnified in the marching orders which Christ gave to the church in Matthew 28, "all nations," and in Acts 1:8, "in Jerusalem, in all Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth." John 3:16 points up the scope in "God so loved the world" and "whosoever believeth in Him."

None of God's people in any age have ever had such an opportunity to fact up to the scope of this debt as Southern Baptists have today. With all of the resources available to us, we're responsible to God for doing everything we can in every way we can to preach the gospel to everybody we can as rapidly and as effectively as we can. There is no danger of oversimplification of our task. We must preach the gospel as it is to lost people where they are.

When Jesus commanded us to "preach the gospel to



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every nation," He was not assigning to us an impossible task. No generation that ever lived has had such opportunity as we to carry out His orders. Facilities of transportation, communication and resources make it not only possible, but probable. The allies of Satan himself are getting their messages into the last home, in the farthest corner of the world. They "hawk" their wares by telestar around the world and deliver their products by jet so it will arrive fresh and at its best. The Jews are buying bonds at 3 percent interest to re-build an Israel that excludes Christ and Southern Baptists are still having to charge their own people 6 percent interest for money to build a church house in which to preach His glorious gospel.

### III STATUS OF ACCOUNT

CONDITIONS such as those just mentioned cause us to realize that "payment on our debt" is long overdue. We add up all the contributions to our Foreign Mission effort last year and are tempted to boast about twenty-five million dollars, when actually a little more than two dollars each for over ten million Southern Baptists was all that kept us from being a bunch of "non-missionary hard-shells." We say to the leaders of our Home Mission Board, let's get down to business and win America to Christ and then for a period of twelve long months in 1965, we back up our words of concern at the rate of about seventy-five cents each or one and one half cents per week.

If Christ is worth listening to at all, He is worth taking seriously and surely, in prosperous America, we could not claim to be taking Him seriously with that sort of financial support for our mission programs. For about one hundred years, our convention was satisfied to concentrate its efforts in the South and West as far as America is concerned. During the same time, a great spiritual vacuum existed in the Northeastern part of our land where three fourths of the population of our country lived. In this area, the ratio of unchurched people over those in churches is two to one, just the opposite of the ratio in the old traditional Southern Baptist territory.

We could go less than two hundred miles from this hall tonight in order to take in Chicago, make a two hundred mile trip to Cincinnati, on the Ohio, then draw a line north-east to Baltimore and not only encircle about two thirds of the population of America but also include seven of the nine largest cities of our nation. This area controls every national election, houses the centers of national and world government, mass media, education, finance, commerce and industry. Southern Baptists still have less than fifteen hundred churches in this entire area. We are late in coming, but thank God, even though the account is way past due, we are here and we are here to stay until Jesus comes.

### IV PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT

VOLUMES could be written on the blessings of God in

this area. Every one of the hundreds of new churches since 1950 is a thrilling story all of its own. Each of these would list a dedicated preacher and family, most of whom paid a tremendous price to come and stay by the work until it was on its feet. None of them could have gotten started without dedicated laymen. God has raised up "a new breed" of laymen in this area, many who have borne the burden in the heat of the day to get a church started when there was no preacher, or prevented one from falling apart when a pastor left. The ratio of baptisms in this territory is better than one to ten and the opportunity for winning adults to Christ is unlimited.

One pastor came to a little church in Cleveland, O.,

with thirty-one members. He had just graduated from one of our seminaries. He had been trained in our schools, his full-time ministry was made possible by a supplement from our Home Mission Board. A site was secured with help from the Home Mission Board. With a loan from the Board, a modest building was erected the first year, mostly with volunteer labor. Although the pastor did much of the work on the building himself, a goal was set to win to Christ and baptize fifty-one people that year. They went over the goal and with less than one hundred members are running on schedule in an effort to baptize one hundred during this current year. I was preaching for them the morning two of the fifty-one came. One was a teenager and the other a lady in her sixties who had never had anyone talk to her about Jesus until the pastor was in her home. Her husband had made his profession the Sunday before but she had fallen in the mud of the church lawn, walking across boards that had been placed in lieu of a concrete walk. I wouldn't

say she was attracted to the church by what they had to offer in the way of beautiful and convenient facilities but that pastor and his people are thoroughly convinced that the "gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation." I would say this is an example of a valid payment on the past due account. Such true stories could be repeated in varying degrees, hundreds of times in this territory but not often enough to even make a dent on the population increase.

Jose Beltran, a native of Spain, product of our Southern Baptist mission work, left Madrid when our church there which he pastored was padlocked by the authorities. He went to the Canary Islands where he could work and with help from our Foreign Mission Board started a work with fourteen people. He baptized forty-four people the first year, 1956, and a total of three hundred since. His church is self-supporting and he has started another one already. During my visit with him, he pled with me with tears streaming down his face, "Brother Roberts, Southern Baptists must win America for Christ, without that all the rest will be lost."

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## Annual sermon quotes

*Paul didn't need to worry about God being dead. He was spiritually alive himself and was in constant touch with the power of God as it transformed the lives of sinners.*

*None of God's people in any age have ever had such an opportunity . . . as Southern Baptists have today.*

*The allies of Satan himself are getting their messages into the last home, in the farthest corner of the world . . . and Southern Baptists are still having to charge their own people 6 percent interest for money to build a church house in which to preach Christ's glorious gospel.*

*The ratio of baptisms in this territory is better than one to ten and the opportunity for winning adults to Christ is unlimited.*

*If we ever make an impact on the masses in America, we are going to have to use every resource that is known to man in confronting them with the Gospel.*

*If one man [Billy Graham] can have faith to buy prime time and have an unadulterated evangelistic service on television on a nation-wide hookup, where without apology he takes his Bible, preaches the gospel and pleads with people to be saved, then eleven million Southern Baptists ought to be able to do it.*

*We Southern Baptists are far in arrears in our obligation to preach the gospel to the lost multitudes.*

# MUCH ADO IN DETROIT



DETROIT (BP)—More than 15,000 Baptists attending the Southern Baptist Convention here this week are expected to launch a hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort slated in 1969, elect a new convention president, adopt a record budget, and conduct for four days the business of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

Convention President Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., named these as the major items of business to come before the 109th annual session of the convention at Detroit's Cobo Hall Convention Arena, Tuesday through Friday.

Two of the most talked about issues to face Baptists during the past year—the question of changing the convention's name and of accepting federal aid for Baptist institutions—will probably come up in the form of progress reports from Baptist agencies and groups studying the issues.

The convention voted in Dallas last June to request the SBC Executive Committee to study the possibility of changing the name of the convention, and the SBC Executive Committee is expected to bring a progress report on its long-range study.

In February, the 58-member committee author-

ized an opinion poll among a broad cross-section of Baptists to determine public opinion on the name change question.

The Baptist Education Study Task, a grassroots Baptist study of the denomination's total program of Christian higher education, is in the midst of a two-year investigation of practically every area of the education program, including the question of using federal loans and grants by Baptist institutions.

A progress report on the BEST program will be delivered as part of the convention's Education Commission report.

These and any other items of business could, however, also come up as motions or resolutions presented from the floor of the convention by elected messengers.

Of the Baptists expected to attend the four-day convention, about 13,000 are anticipated as registered messengers to the convention representing Baptist churches throughout the nation.

They will vote on a dozen recommendations from the convention's Executive Committee, elect a new convention president to succeed Dr. Dehoney, adopt

resolutions, vote on a budget, and launch the "Crusade of the Americas" in the closing session.

### 'Sense of urgency'

DEHONEY, pastor of First Church, Jackson, Tenn., said he believes "the convention will be overshadowed with a sense of urgency, and that the major concern will be the launching of the Crusade of Americas with an all-out emphasis on outreach through evangelism and missions."

In addition to presenting a progress report on the SBC name change study, the Executive Committee is expected to recommend a record \$24.2 million 1967 budget, program statements outlining the purpose and scope of work for three SBC agencies and an SBC Auxiliary, 1971 convention meeting site and dates, and an added assignment for the denomination's Christian Life Commission.

### \$24.2 million budget

IF adopted by the convention, the \$24.2 million budget, called the Cooperative Program, would be an increase of \$2.4 million over the 1966 Cooperative Program budget goal. Biggest items in the proposed budget are \$11.7 million for foreign missions and \$4 million for home missions.

The Executive Committee will recommend St. Louis as the site for the 1971 convention sessions, with June 1-4 as recommended dates.

Detailed program statements will be proposed for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary. The Woman's Missionary Union is an auxiliary, not an agency, of the SBC, and the program statement would be advisory rather than binding as in the case of agencies.

Program objective statements will be recommended for nine other convention agencies which have already received convention approval of program statements.

A recommendation that the Christian Life Commission of the SBC interpret Baptist views on motion pictures and communicate with the movie industry will also come from the Executive Committee.

The convention in Dallas last year referred to the Executive Committee a proposal by Gregory Walcott of Hollywood, Calif., a television actor and then vice president of SBC, that the convention establish a "diplomatic unit" to Hollywood motion picture and television producers and distributors. The Executive Committee will recommend that no new SBC agency be created, but that the role be assumed by the existing commission.

Other recommendations to come from the Executive Committee will include proposals to permit renovations at a Baptist seminary, changes in the Annuity Board's charter, second wording changes in

the SBC Constitution and Bylaws and a definition of length of term for board members serving partial terms.

Most of the four-day convention will be devoted to annual reports from 21 agencies of the SBC, and to inspirational messages by Baptist ministers.

Major speakers will be Gov. Carl Sanders of Georgia, Convention President Dehoney, and Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, who delivers the annual convention sermon.

[See elsewhere in this issue.]

### 'Crusade Americas'

THE Southern Baptist Convention meeting here May 24-27 will launch plans for its participation in a vast evangelistic campaign covering the entire hemisphere during 1969.

Called the "Crusade of Americas," Baptists in North, South and Central America are expected to join hands in one big evangelistic effort during 1969.

Each Baptist body will conduct its own campaigns, and the Southern Baptist Convention will launch plans for its efforts during the closing convention session here Friday night, May 27.

Principal speaker for the session will be Roberto Porras Maynes of Mexico City, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, and a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the SBC and also a vice president of the Alliance, will respond to the call for Southern Baptist participation and speak for North America. Hobbs is pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., is chairman of a SBC committee to coordinate plans for the crusade of the Americas.

"There will be dramatic responses, country by country, from persons in national dress," said Dehoney in describing plans for the closing convention session. "There will be a giant parade of the flags and a commitment service." The International Choir from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., will sing.

Dehoney earlier issued a plea for every Southern Baptist who plans to attend the convention to stay through the closing night session.

"In the Crusade of the Americas we face the greatest evangelistic and mission challenge our people have ever known," Dehoney said. "Yet unfortunately there will be those who will weary of the convention and feel an urgency to 'get back home.'"

The Crusade of the Americas was proposed by Rubens Lopes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, following a nation-wide evangelistic campaign in Brazil that resulted in more than 100,000 professions of faith.

An international planning conference for the crusade is slated in July at Cali, Columbia with representatives from each Baptist body in North, South and Central America expected to attend.

# Baptist education study

SOUTHERN Baptists are in the midst of the most comprehensive depth study of the issues and problems facing Christian higher education ever conducted in the denomination's history.

The two-year program, called the Baptist Education Study Task (BEST), is a systematic appraisal of the future role of Southern Baptists in Christian higher education. It will be completed in the summer of 1967.

First phase of BEST has already been conducted—a grass-roots study by 24 regional seminars throughout the nation.

The 24 seminars, each with 20 persons selected for the study, were designed to obtain grass-roots public opinion and involvement concerning the problems facing Christian higher education. They were held during January, February and March, in 16 states.

## Study conference

Second phase will be the first BEST National Study Conference, slated in Nashville, Tenn., June 13-16, 1966. About 350 invited participants are expected to attend.

Most of the four-day National Study Conference will be devoted to 22 small study groups of about 15 persons. The study group will summarize the findings of the 24 regional seminars, define the issues, seek to determine causes of the problems, and pose optional solutions.

An 18-member findings committee headed by Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City, as chairman and Doak S. Campbell, Tallahassee, Fla., as coordinator, will digest reports on the findings following the conference.

In 1967, the entire cycle will be repeated, involving the same persons in 24 regional seminars in January, February, March; a second National Study Conference, June 12-15, in Nashville; and a final report of the findings committee after the national conference.

The BEST investigations will cover nine basic areas, according to Rabun L. Brantley, Nashville, executive secretary of the SBC Education Commission and general chairman of the entire BEST program.

The nine areas are:

1. The Biblical basis for Christian higher education;
2. the history of Southern Baptist higher education;
3. preface to a philosophy of Southern Baptist higher education;
4. academic scope of Christian higher education;
5. religious scope of Christian higher education;
6. the Christian college teacher;
7. financing Christian higher education;
8. college-denominational relationships;
9. academic freedom and responsibility.

Although one facet of the study on financing Christian higher education will include the question of federal aid to Baptist colleges, the BEST investigations will take this aspect into proper perspective with the total picture of problems facing Baptist schools and is not expected to solve all the problems of church-state separation policy involved, according to Brantley.

Findings of the BEST study will not be binding on any of the 73 schools affiliated with Southern Baptists. Most of the educational institutions are operated by state Baptist conventions and have no official connection with the nation-wide Southern Baptist Convention.

The findings committee will, however, publish its report and the boards of trustees of the Baptist educational institutions and state conventions which operate them will be free to use the findings as they see fit, Brantley said.

Why undertake the study? Says a pamphlet produced by the SBC Education Commission which is coordinating BEST: "Mushrooming enrollments, higher costs, and increased standards without corresponding increase in financial support have brought Southern Baptist higher education to a point of crisis."

"Baptists have never before taken a systematic look at these problems," the statement continued. "Because of their urgency and because of the accelerated changes in the whole American educational scene, it was thought that a fully-comprehensive study would be desirable at this time."

Three basic purposes of BEST were listed:

1. To identify and study the issues, problems and opportunities facing Southern Baptist higher education.
2. To explore these issues and problems in the context of current American higher education and of the needs and objectives of the denomination.
3. To consolidate findings and suggest a reasonable basis on which Southern Baptist higher education can advance.

Burden of interpreting the results of the study lies with the 18-member findings committee, headed by Hobbs as chairman and Campbell as coordinator. Hobbs is pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, and Campbell is president emeritus of Florida State University, Tallahassee.

This committee will prepare papers following each of the two National Study Conferences in 1966 and 1967.

The 1966 report will summarize the condition of the colleges, problems facing them, and will include a series of propositions for evaluation and reaction.

Following this report, about 100 Baptist pastors' conferences and 200 selected churches will

evaluate and react to the Findings committee's statements.

The committee's second and final report following the Second National Conference in June of 1967 will be an extensive analysis of the college problems with proposals for solutions.

In addition to the findings committee, a 24-member steering committee is furnishing technical advice to General Chairman Brantley, as he directs the study. Albert McClellan, Nashville, program planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, is chairman of the BEST steering committee.

Before the BEST project is completed in 1967, an estimated 10,000 persons will have participated in the study.

## **SBC annual sermon**

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I believe this with all my heart but I know we can't do it with slow, conventional methods. If we ever make an impact on the masses in America, we are going to have to use every resource that is known to man in confronting them with the Gospel. We have come to know that the gospel has power when it is preached in the unction of the Holy Spirit, whether it be on the street, under a tent, in a rented hall or in a beautiful church building.

If one man can have faith to buy prime time and have an unadulterated evangelistic service on television on a nation-wide hookup, where without apology he takes his Bible, preaches the gospel and pleads with people to be saved, then eleven million Southern Baptists ought to be able to do it. We have scores of people in our state who were saved and hunted up our churches and were baptized into them because of Billy Graham's evangelistic telecast. God has given us wonderful leadership in our Radio and Television Commission but we are not facing our obligation to preach the gospel through the medium of television by telecasting religious soap opera that can be used on "free time." Let's put the means at their disposal whereby the gospel of Jesus Christ can be preached and His claim upon their lives can be presented.

We are going through a period in the life of our Convention when the subtle and indirect approach is being espoused by many. I believe in keeping up with the times and of experimenting with every new and effective way of approaching people. It may not be the best to start down the street with a Bible under our arm, as big as a Detroit telephone directory, button holing people to ask if they know Christ, but I had rather do that than to be so sophisticated and suave that people don't know what my business is. If I should look out my window and see fire belching from the upstairs window of my neighbor's house, I wouldn't calmly pick up the phone and invite him over for coffee in order to give him a lecture on the principles of spontaneous combustion.

We as Southern Baptists are far in arrears in our obligation to preach the gospel to the lost multitudes. The world is in a desperate condition. We are not in position to deal in abstractions, indirect approaches and the low pressure sales method. It is time that we wake up to the perilous times in which we live and begin to act as though we mean business for God.

With the help of Texas Baptists and the Evangelism Division of our Home Mission Board, our churches in the Dayton area are launching an all out effort next year to confront every one of the one and one half millions who live there with the gospel. Leaders of these two groups

have agreed to ask their committees to help provide the resources in finance and man power to plan with us in the greatest all-out evangelistic effort this territory has ever known.

All the mass media will be employed to the fullest. The lost will be located through census and personally contacted. Large central meetings will be conducted, local simultaneous revivals will be held in every church and mission and even in places where new ones will be established. Some of the outstanding preachers of our convention will come to preach in these meetings. Nothing will be spared in this all-out effort to face up to our obligation to tell people about the saving power of the gospel.

We pray that this will ignite a fire in the hearts of our people in this Northern territory that will spread over the nation. Our prayer is to see a similar effort in every metropolitan area in the North. Already requests are coming from other cities in Ohio to do the same in 1968. By the end of the Crusade of the Americas in 1969, we believe that Southern Baptists will have conducted such an all-out effort in every city in the North. We believe that states other than Texas will want to help with man power and resources, we believe that every commission, Board and agency will do its best to help us. This is an opportunity for Southern Baptists to prove that they mean business for God in facing up to our unpaid debt.

"Drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe,  
Dear Lord, I give myself to thee, 'Tis all that I can do."  
God has let us live in this glorious day of opportunity. May we not fail Him now.

## **Federal aid: Church policies**

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and science, do the churches still have a Christian obligation to serve in the field?

If the public interest, i.e., the "common good," becomes the main purpose of an institution, should it continue to be owned and operated by a sectarian board, or does this violate "separation" by a church penetration of the public concern? Before we look for the pitfalls and the means to solutions let us view the permeation in the opposite direction, i.e., of the public arena by church operations and concerns.

In concluding this point, however, a note is needed regarding the number and the scope of the programs. More than 115 federally supported public programs are now implemented more or less through church-related agencies. Many of these are small, but many are large and must be measured in millions, if not billions, of dollars. These programs need to be analyzed and their values discerned so as to make intelligent judgments regarding the measure or the nature of the "cooperation" that the particular institution should give. We cannot answer the questions for all institutions with one word—neither "separation" nor "cooperation" is that penetrating. These words can describe a general attitude, but that is not enough.

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### Valve implant successful



RUFUS ANDY HODGE

MITRAL valve implant this month at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center is the first successful implant of its type in a private hospital in the state.

Rufus Andy Hodge, 44-year-old truck driver from Hickory Ridge, was admitted to the Center May 3 for heart catheterization and work up. Mr. Hodge said, "I knew that something was not right. It was getting harder and harder for me to breathe and more and more difficult for me to find things that I could do." Mr. Hodge was catheterized in the \$150,000 Heart Catheterization Laboratory May 4. The catheterization and other tests indicated that Mr. Hodge suffered from mitral insufficiency and a calcified valve. The diseased valve was probably the result of rheumatic fever at an earlier age.

Without surgery his life expectancy was one to two years.

His prognosis now is that he will be able to return to a normal life and his job.

This is the first mitral valve implanted at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, but it is the third successful valve implant this spring. Two aortic valves were implanted earlier this spring in Eugene Beavers, Clinton, and Doyle Wilson, Morrilton.

When asked if he could tell any difference since the operation, Mr. Hodge replied, "I feel myself getting stronger everyday. Also, now I can breathe while I am lying on my back. I couldn't do that before the operation."

Mr. Hodge has returned to his home in Cross County.

### Open Paron dates

THE following dates are open at Paron Camp and the camp is available for use by church or associational groups:

July 4-9  
July 11-16  
July 18-23  
July 25-30  
August 1-6

If your group would like to use the camp for one of these weeks, please contact Ralph Douglas, 401 West Capitol, Little Rock, or call FR 6-2391, Extension 31.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

### New Carlisle church

MEMBERS of Immanuel Church, Carlisle, held an organization meeting Apr. 27 with J. M. James as moderator.

The sermon was delivered by R. A. Hill. Others on the program were J. S. Compere, J. H. Brandt and John Tait.

Officers elected were Mr. Tait, church clerk, Mrs. C. C. Lambert, treasurer. Deacons are Roy Lilly, Mr. Tait and Mr. Brandt.

Property has been purchased on Highway 13. Construction has started on a new church plant. Services are being held temporarily in Carlisle.

The church is affiliated with the Carolina Association and Southern Baptist Convention.

J. W. GIBBS has resigned the pastorate of New Antioch Church, Brookland, to become pastor of Black Oak Church.



JERRY DON ABERNATHY

REV. Jerry Don Abernathy has resigned as associate State Sunday School secretary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to become pastor of First Church, Crossett, beginning June 1. The Crossett church has a membership of 1,560. It had been pastorless since the Rev. Bill Hickem resigned several weeks ago to accept a call to a church in Panama City, Fla.

Mr. Abernathy has served in his present position since September 1964. Prior to coming to the Sunday School Department he was pastor of First Church of Sherwood in North Little Rock. Other positions have included: pastor of Rocky Ridge Church, Stigler, Okla.; pastor, First Church, Haileyville, Okla.; Baptist Student Union director, Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Okla., and minister of missions-evangelism for First Church, Jacksonville.

Mr. Abernathy is a native of southeastern Oklahoma. His education includes a B.A. degree from Northeastern State College, Oklahoma, and M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

He is married to the former Ann Jaxie Farrell, also from Oklahoma. The Abernathys have a daughter and two sons, Jaxie Laniece, 6, Jerry Don, Jr., 4, and Steven Wayne, 2.

## Matthias B. Tallmadge

MATTHIAS B. Tallmadge is described by Albert L. Vail in *The Morning Hour of the American Baptist Missions* as "the most distinguished layman of the Triennial Convention." He was the only attorney among the members present.

He was born at Stamford, N. Y., March 1, 1774, and graduated from Yale University in 1795. He practiced law and served as representative from his county and in the state senate. Because of his marked ability, the president of the United States appointed him judge of the United States District Court for New York. As the result of this appointment, he moved to New York City. He married Miss Elizabeth Clinton, daughter of the governor of New York, in 1803.

When Mr. Tallmadge was made district judge in 1810, he found the work in a poor state. His overexertion at his post of duty broke his health. It was during this period that he gave diligent study to the Bible and spiritual matters. He united with the Baptist church at Poughkeepsie in 1812, being baptized by the pastor, Lewis Leonards.

Although the heavy responsibilities of his office taxed his strength, and periodic attacks of fever left him weakened, he found time for and keen interest in missions. He occupied a high position of responsibility among Baptists of New York.

Due to his illness he found it necessary to spend his winters in the southern states. He selected Charleston, S. C., for his second home. He struck a close friendship with Dr. Richard Furman, a Baptist preacher in the city. Because both men were interested in the missionary cause, it is easily seen why both attended the organizational meeting in Phila-



## Marked Tree First

INITIAL spadework on the new sanctuary and educational building expansion project of the church got underway May 8, with a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new sanctuary. Construction work began May 9 on the \$119,000 project.

delphia in 1814. Some think Judge Tallmadge may have had something to do in influencing Furman to attend. At least, they both went together, accredited by the same committee. And though Mr. Tallmadge held neither residence in South Carolina nor membership in a church within the state, he represented it.

The judge declined an office in the Convention, but served as vice president of the Board after its organization. This office he held until his death five years later, at age 46. He wrote the constitution for the Convention. Though the Convention's committee on the constitution was restricted to ministers, according to Vail, Judge Tallmadge presumably consulted with the committee and formulated its conclusions.

Turning the first shovels of ground were Kim Ryals, 9, youngest member of the church, and Will T. Spears, 86, the oldest member. They were followed at the shovels by Mack Howerton, building committee chairman, and Guy Prince, chairman of the deacons.

Others participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were Mrs. L. B. Yancey, Ricky Leathers and Mrs. A. C. Higgins.

Brief messages were given by Mr. Howerton; Sunday School Superintendent Lawrence Ashlock, who served as chairman of the bond sale campaign; Cecil Keith, Training Union director; Mrs. Mack Howerton, WMU president; Mrs. Jess Wike, treasurer; Mayor J. G. Waskom Jr.; and Thurman McCay, Chamber of Commerce president.

The benediction was sung by Mrs. R. F. Bingham, accompanied by her son, David.

James A. Overton, pastor, expressed appreciation for the presence of J. R. Featherston, chairman of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and for the cooperation of the Commission in granting the permit for the building.

## Newport First

SOUTHSIDE Mission became a self-supporting mission on the first of May.

This means that they will conduct their own business meetings, have their local church officers and operate on their own budget.



**BROOKLAND** New Antioch, youth led revival; Sonny Simpson, Paneway, evangelist; several rededications.

**CROSSETT** Mt. Olive Apr. 18-24; Henry Applegate, pastor, Ingram Boulevard Church, West Memphis, evangelist; Gerald Lewis, minister of music, Wynne Church, song director; 12 by baptism; 2 by letter; Carroll Evans, pastor.

**LITTLE ROCK** Tyler Street, Aug. 14-21; Bill Stone, evangelist; Harold Hightower, pastor.

**DEQUEEN** First, Aug. 14-21; Jesse Reed, Little Rock, evangelist; E. Butler Abington, pastor.

**LITTLE ROCK** Trinity, May 8-15; Ed Walker, Levy Church, North Little Rock, layman, evangelist; James Richen, song director; 21 professions of faith; 12 by baptism; 8 by letter; 1 for special service; 69 rededications; R. M. Smith, pastor.

**Evans to Manila**



**CARROLL EVANS**

**CARROLL** Evans, who for the past three years has been pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Crossett, has resigned effective May 29, to accept a call to First Church, Manila.

During his ministry at Mt. Olive, there have been 106 additions, 73 by baptism. The church has purchased new equipment for the educational building and is planning a new parsonage. The average offering has increased \$100 weekly since 1963.

Mr. Evans has served as moderator of Ashley County Association since 1965.

**OBU summer classes**

**EXPANSION** of the graduate undergraduate, and workshop program at Ouachita is expected to bring a record summer enrollment, Dean Henry Lindsey has announced.

One hundred and twenty-one regular college credit courses will be offered during the summer sessions and during the workshop sessions in economic education, reading, modern math, and piano. A five-week summer youth arts festival also will be offered on a non-credit basis to junior high school and high school young people in the commuting area of Arkadelphia.

Prof. Bernice Clark, reading specialist of the New York State Department of Education, has been employed to teach the reading workshop during the first three weeks of the first summer session, Dean Lindsey stated.

College credit courses are scheduled to be offered in the following areas:

Art, accounting, business administration, secretarial science, economics, elementary education, health and physical education, secondary education, psychology, music, English, Spanish, journalism, French, German, speech, drama, chemistry, home economics, math, religion, philosophy, history, political science, general education, biology and physical science.

The first summer session will run June 6-July 8, with registration June 6. Registration for the second summer session will be July 11. Dates for the second session are July 11-Aug. 12.

Air-conditioned facilities are available for most activities during the summer session, Dr. Lindsey said. Students will be housed and fed in air-conditioned buildings. The library and chapel are air conditioned and most classrooms have been air conditioned for the coming summer session.

**Honor from UA**



**MISS JOSEPHINE SCAGGS**

**MISS** Josephine Scaggs, Southern Baptist Missionary to Nigeria, is one of three to receive Distinguished Alumni Awards from the University of Arkansas and its Alumni Association at commencement in Fayetteville June 4.

Miss Scaggs, who was graduated from the University in 1935, has served for 27 years in the furthest part of the Niger Delta region of Nigeria. Roads are non-existent. She visits 46 churches and preaching points by Land Rover and canoe. She was the first white woman to live in the remote Orashi River section.

She started with a portable medicine kit. This has grown into a school, three mission homes and six hospital buildings, operated by medical missionaries.

She has been awarded the Member of the British Empire Award by Queen Elizabeth II.

Others honored by the University are Edsel Ford, Fort Smith poet, and Jeff Davis, El Dorado attorney.

**DONNA** Dean Groves, a Spanish major at Ouachita University, has been chosen to participate in the junior year in Spain program. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Groves, Memphis. She will depart Sept. 30 from New York City via Iberia Airlines and return to the United States May 29, 1967.

## Raileys appointed



MR. AND MRS. RAILEY

AN Arkansas-born minister and his wife, now of Houston, Tex., have been appointed Southern Baptist missionaries to Formosa. They are Rev. and Mrs. David E. Railey, born in Fort Smith and Dermott, respectively.

The Raileys received their appointments May 12 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They were among 17 career missionaries and two missionary associates assigned at the Boards' meeting in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Railey are graduates of Ouachita University and he also was graduated from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. During the last two years, he has been minister of Long Point Church, Houston. Earlier he spent four years at Immanuel Church, El Dorado, and also had assignments at Anderson Church, Hope, and at Southside Church, Stuttgart.

The Raileys have four children, ranging in age from three months to four years.

JERRY Kosover, senior from England, led Ouachita University to the singles and doubles championship in the finals of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference tennis championships at Walker Tennis Center in Little Rock May 6.

## Physics fellowship

THOMAS N. Bjorkman, 21, a senior at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., was initiated May 2 into Phi Beta Kappa at Vanderbilt. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bjorkman, North Little Rock. Mrs. Bjorkman is secretary to Dr. S. A. Whitlow, executive secretary, Arkansas State Convention.

The young physics-Russian major graduates magna cum laude June 5 with honors in physics. He has accepted a graduate teaching fellowship for next fall at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., to work on his doctorate in physics.

## DEATHS

DeWayne Moore, 34, former Arkansas pastor, May 8, at Dallas.

He was pastor of Trinity Church, El Dorado, from 1959 to 1962 and took part in the Scotland Evangelistic Crusade in 1961.

He had been pastor of Meadow Lane Church, Arlington, Tex., since 1962. He was pastor advisor for the Arlington State College BSU, and chairman of the Southern Baptist

Pastors Fellowship of Arlington.

He was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and attended Southwestern Seminary.

R. D. Davenport, 90, Brookland, Apr. 29.

He was a deacon in New Antioch Church.

John G. Rogers, 68, El Dorado, an independent oil operator, Apr. 29.

He was a member of Ebenezer Church, where he served as deacon and church trustee.

J. Talmadge Tippit, 76, Walnut Ridge, a Baptist minister, May 13.

A native of Watertown, Tenn., he was educated at Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Denver University and Southern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

He served as professor of Southern Baptist College from 1941 to 1953. He was a Mason.

Dr. E. C. Routh, 91, retired editor of The Commission magazine and former editor of Baptist state weekly papers in Texas and Oklahoma. Memorial services were conducted May 14.

Dr. Routh was editor of The Com-

## To Vietnam for FMB



MR. AND MRS. HUMPHRIES

TWO missionary associates were employed by the Foreign Mission Board during its May meeting.

One is Mrs. James F. Humphries, the former Mary Lookingbill, of Springdale. She and Mr. Humphries expect to do English-language work in Saigon, Vietnam, for the next four years.

Mr. Humphries has been pastor of Golden Gate Church, Ft. Worth, since October, 1963.

Mrs. Humphries, graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, taught school in Texas for six and a half years. She and Mr. Humphries, native of Georgia, have three children, Matt, eight, Mark, three, and Tracy, five months.

mission, published by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richard, Va., from 1943 until retirement in 1948. For 14 years previously, he was editor of the Baptist Messenger, weekly newspaper of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, offices in Oklahoma City. He was editor of the Baptist Standard, Dallas, Tex., for 14 years, serving for two additional years as associate editor.

Kenneth Manning, 67, Apr. 8.

He was a farmer and a member of Smyrna Church, Calvary Association.

Mrs. Lelia Maddry Goodbar, 74, Little Rock, widow of Bernard L. Goodbar, May 18.

She was born at Malvern. She was a member of Immanuel Church, where she had been president of the Woman's Missionary Union and a member of Ruth Sunday School Class.

## Greene County news

AT A cost of \$5,582.38, Calvary Church, Paragould, has completed a new addition to the church plant, which includes five new Sunday School and Training Union rooms.

Open house will be observed May 29. Serving on the building committee were Tom Clifford, Harry Morgan and A. D. Cash. Jimmie Garner is pastor.

T. F. STROUD has resigned as pastor of Village Church.

WALCOTT Church will observe homecoming day May 29, with dinner at the church. The new parsonage will be dedicated at 2 p.m., followed by open house until 5.

## Griffin BSU head

JAMES Griffin, Guernsey, was installed recently as president of the Baptist Student Union at



MR. GRIFFIN

Southern State College. A junior math major, he served as a Home Mission Board missionary in New York and Pennsylvania last summer. Other Baptist Student Union officers serving at Southern State College are; Worship chairman, Mickey Milburn, Cove; enlistment, Charles Purtle, Prescott; secretary-treasurer, Theodoris Russ, Magnolia; evangelism, Jerry Parham, Magnolia; music, Jimmy Works, Bradley; missions, Linda Rainwater, El Dorado; social, Linda Blanchard, Horatio; student center, Ronald Chandler, Camden; communications, Susan Hurst, Hot Springs; special ministry, Jimmy Schieck, Little Rock; faculty advisors, Miss Rosemary Casey and Mrs. Robert Hartsell; pastor advisor, Dr. L. L. Hunnicutt.

The officers were installed at the spring banquet with Tom Bray, pastor, Second Church, El Dorado, delivering the charge.

## New CCF head



DR. HENRY GOODLOE

DR. W. Henry Goodloe, pastor of First Methodist Church, Clarksville, was elected executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation by the directors May 16. He succeeds Dr. William E. Brown, who has resigned after holding the position since the organization was formed in 1960.

The new director is a longtime member of the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church. He has served as superintendent of the Batesville and the Fort Smith districts and as pastor of several churches in North Arkansas.

Dr. Goodloe is a graduate of Hendrix College and of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Hendrix College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity on him in 1946. He has served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home and of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.

During Dr. Brown's service, the Christian Civic Foundation instituted a program of alcohol and narcotic education in the public schools and organized a unit in every county for legislative and local option purposes. He largely was responsible for the organization of Churches United Against Gambling, which successfully opposed an attempt to legalize casino gambling in Arkansas.

# The Bookshelf

This Way to the Cross, by C. A. Roberts, 1966, \$1.95

Dr. Roberts, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Fla., shows that the ways of life which led to the crucifixion are still operative today.

Dr. Roberts examines six ways of life whose combined end result was the crucifixion of Christ: The Way of Peter—Cowardice; The Way of Judas—Materialism; The Way of Calaphas—Religion; The Way of Pilot—Ambition; The Way of the Multitudes—Silence; and The Way of Jesus—Goodness and Redemption.

African Diary, by Wayne Dehoney, Broadman Press, 1966, \$3.50

President Dehoney of the Southern Baptist Convention shares here lifetime experiences which were his on a recent tour of mission fields in Africa. He found on this tour a strange mixture of witchcraft, taboos, and juju, along with modern universities and ultra-modern hotels. He saw an ocher-smearing warrior leaning on his spear while watching a bulldozer build a water conservation dam for his cattle. He saw tribal drummers beating an ancient rhythm in a thatch-roofed hut while down the street a nickelodeon was blasting forth the latest hit tune. He saw Ph.D. graduates with faces grotesquely disfigured by tribal markings. He saw hippos munching grass on a golf course.

With sympathy and insight Dr. Dehoney seeks to interpret Africa in terms of his personal observation. As Africa undergoes many vast and radical changes, can Christians have an important part in shaping her destiny? he asks.

Through Discipline to Joy, by Luther Joe Thompson, Broadman Press, 1966, \$2.75

Regardless of how difficult and demanding the Christian life may be, if it is genuine, it is a life of joy. The author points out that the joy of the Christian is the deep inner-contentment of disciplined discipleship—a clean conscience, a pure heart, adequate resources, obedience, and service. But what does the call of discipleship mean for people today? Where will it lead? What decisions will it demand? These are some of the things that Dr. Thompson deals with here.

Convictions to Live By, by L. Nelson Bell, Eerdmans, 1966, \$3.50

Material for this book was taken from Dr. Bell's widely read column, "A Layman and His Faith." Dr. Bell never tires of stressing the fact that "this life, which is life indeed, is ours for the asking. Because it springs from the Gospel, it is freely offered, all of grace."

By the BAPTIST PRESS

## Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins retires at 80

FOR the second time in ten years Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, widely known Southern Baptist writer, teacher, and preacher, is retiring.

At the age of 80, Dr. Dobbins is surrendering the post of Distinguished Professor of Church Administration at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., to move, with Mrs. Dobbins, to Birmingham, Ala. Their address in Birmingham effective June 1 will be 1113 South Shadesview Terrace.

Including four years he served as a young man on the editorial staff of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Dobbins has now rounded out an even half century of denominational service, the last ten years at Golden Gate.

For 36 years Dr. Dobbins was a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Beginning there as "a young professor with nothing but a fertile brain and a mimeograph machine," he finished, in 1956, as the dean of the School of Religious Education.

At the time Dr. Dobbins began his teaching career, not much progress had been made in seminaries in general in the field of religious education. Called to the Basil Manly chair of Sunday School Pedagogy, at Louisville, Dr. Dobbins made it his goal to lift church school education to a level of sound educational principles and methods. How well he succeeded is common knowledge among Baptist leaders all over the South, many of whom have themselves sat in his classes or have had him in their churches for special weeks of training and inspiration.

The department title was changed to Religious Education and Church Efficiency, and, later, to the present title, Religious Edu-



DR. DOBBINS

cation and Church Administration.

Dr. Dobbins served with distinction as acting president of Southern Seminary for more than a year, between the administrations of the late Dr. Ellis A. Fuller and that of Dr. Duke K. McCall, the Seminary's present chief executive.

Dr. Dobbins is a native of Langsdale, Miss., where he was born on July 29, 1886, to Charles Wesley and Letitia Gaines Dobbins. As the father's name would imply, he was from a Methodist home. And he was a life-long Methodist. But Dr. Dobbins' mother was a staunch Baptist. A Sunday School teacher who was to serve for nearly 70 years, she had a great spiritual influence on the life of Dr. Dobbins.

Dr. Dobbins earned the B. A. degree from Mississippi College, which has since conferred upon him two honorary degrees: the D. D. and the LL. D. He has the M. A. degree from Columbia University and the Th. D. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Dobbins is the former Miss May Virginia Riley, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Franklin

Riley, of Newhebron, Miss. They have a son, Dr. Austin C. Dobbins, who has been a member of the faculty of Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham, for many years.

A prolific writer, Dr. Dobbins has been a regular contributor to Sunday School and Training Union publications across the years and has authored more than two dozen books, the most of which are still in wide circulation.

During their years at Golden Gate Seminary, Dr. and Mrs. Dobbins have traveled widely, including at least one trip around the world. Dr. Dobbins has worked extensively as a committee chairman for the Baptist World Alliance, setting up procedures for improving church education in many different countries. He has had the joy and satisfaction of seeing the Golden Gate Seminary develop into a strong Southern Baptist institution in the challenging field of the West.

A year ago Southern Seminary created what is to be known as "The Gaines S. Dobbins Chair of Religious Education," in honor of the venerable leader. The chair is to be endowed on a permanent basis.

Dr. Dobbins continues to have excellent health but has been influenced to retire at this time by the failing health of Mrs. Dobbins. His travels necessarily will be greatly curtailed. But those of us who know him best predict that his fertile mind will keep his dictation equipment humming as he "talks out" no telling how many additional books and articles. For as the good Doctor himself said ten years ago, upon the occasion of his first retirement: "Retirement to inactivity has little appeal to a healthy man habituated to work."

## Departments

### Executive Board

#### **Cooperative Program Week**

MATERIAL has been mailed to each church in Arkansas with some suggested materials for the observance of Cooperative Program Week. We have word that some churches plan to use all of the materials.

This is a wonderful opportunity to study the cooperative effort of Baptists. We do world missions on a vast scale, but all of the work is

**THE RURAL Pastors, Stewardship, and Brotherhood Conference** scheduled for June 20-24, this year, has been cancelled.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

accomplished because the churches cooperate.

This is not a week for taking an offering, but a week of study and prayer, by Baptists, for world missions through the Cooperative Program.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary

### Brotherhood

#### **Look to your Brotherhood Department**

SOME Vacation Bible School workers throughout Arkansas are writing the Brotherhood Commission asking for Royal Ambassador materials and for certain information for use in this year's Vacation Bible Schools. The Brotherhood Commission is answering each request and sending the materials and the information; and also notifying those making such requests that the Brotherhood Department, 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock, will be glad to answer all such requests.

Here at the Brotherhood Department we have an ample supply of the materials which are sent out by the Brotherhood Commission to fulfill the requests of Vacation Bible School workers. Why not direct all such requests to your Brotherhood Department? We will fill them the same day they are received.

The Vacation Bible School, as an instrument in Christian service, is, in the opinion of this writer, one of the most effective of all devices which Southern Baptists are using in their work with boys and girls. The Brotherhood Department will cooperate to the fullest to help any church have a better Vacation Bible School.

Let us know your needs.

#### **Colorado-Nebraska Crusades**

For the fifth consecutive year Arkansas Baptist men have been invited to participate in a Crusade involving churches in northeastern Colorado and western Nebraska. The 1966 period is Aug. 21-28. We are enrolling men for this Crusade now, and hope that your church can be represented in the Crusade group. Let us hear from you.—Nelson Tull

### Training Union

#### **Training Union Curriculum**

*This is the first of six articles explaining the Training Union Life and Work Curriculum. We hope to answer several questions in these six articles.*

**THE** first question is, "What is the Life and Work Curriculum?"

**TWO** curriculums will be available for Young People and Adults in Training Union, beginning October, 1966. They will be the new Life and Work Curriculum and the Christian Training Curriculum. The Christian Training Curriculum will be a continuation of the present curriculum.

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will unify the studies of Sunday School, Training Union and other church organizations. This curriculum, written by Southern Baptists will be Bible-based, church-oriented, and action-inducing. In the Life and Work Curriculum, the Sunday School will lay a biblical foundation for the other programs of study. The Training Union will prepare its curriculum in the light of this Bible study. In other words, all church organizations will be going in the same direction. There will be correlation and coordination in our programs of study that Baptists have wanted and needed for many years.

See the May issue of *The Training Union Magazine*.

**Next week: When and why should the Training Union use the Life and Work Curriculum?—Ralph W. Davis**

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## *Feminine philosophy -- or intuition*

BY HARRIET HALL

### *The drinking problem*

A STUDENT has voiced a question which is being echoed across our land by thinking citizens:

"What can be done about the drinking problem?"

According to a recent United Press International release one man thinks he has the answer. Dr. Arthur Hollister, head of the California State Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, believes youngsters should be taught how to drink in school. He says it is "the only realistic approach to living with alcohol."

The liquor industry must have jumped for joy over this statement. I am sure they would be happy to furnish free materials for the potential market in adding such a course to the school curriculum. Can't you imagine some parents quickly offering to help with the homework?

This idea that "people are going to drink anyway so let's teach them how" makes me wonder how far the trend might go.

By the same logic one might say, "Students are going to cheat anyway, so let's teach them how." Or we might add that husbands aren't going to be true to their wives anyway, so why not school them in infidelity? Business men using this logic might say, "Folks are going to shop-lift anyway, so let's give them a course in 'How to Be a Petty Thief and Get By With It.'" I can think of several ridiculous ideas for a modern school curriculum using this "realistic approach:" "How to be a successful Hit-and-Run driver in Ten Easy Lessons," "How to Be Lazy and Like It" and many others, ad nauseum. We would soon be singing "School days, school days, Break the Golden Rule days."

Dr. Luther Terry, former United States surgeon general, spoke recently at the National Confer-



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ence on Smoking and Health, meeting at the University of Maryland. He said that programs to warn young persons about smoking "have proved inadequate." He added, "We must tell them not to start a habit that has been pictured to them as normal and socially acceptable."

In my thinking, this certainly applies to drinking alcoholic beverages. The advertisers have done their best to picture these habits as socially acceptable.

In Christian homes we must continue a constant battle with the propaganda that is beamed toward our children concerning the "inness" of liquor.

I remember once when my children were young they began to hum and sing a certain beer commercial. I had to fight back so I made up some new words to fit the same tune. Every time I heard the tune I sang my own special version. I can guarantee that the agency involved would never pay money to have my version aired for the public.

My student friend is concerned

as to how she can keep her home of the future free from the menace of alcohol.

My advice is, "Don't ever let John Barleycorn get his foot in the door." As I have already pointed out, this is not always easy. It is a constant battle for some. Frankly, when students tell me they are dating a boy who drinks, I tell them they are headed for trouble.

When I was on the campus of William Jewell College recently in a Focus Week one of the panel members was Dr. Robert Crouch, a medical doctor and Christian layman from North Carolina. He remarked that it is often hard to give a drunk driver the same care that one would give to the victim he just ran over. In other words, he must not only practice medicine for both individuals — he must practice grace, too.

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Questions, suggestions, or comments may be addressed to:

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**Some areas of evangelism**

**PERSONAL EVANGELISM.** Evangelism is confronting people with Christ.

We can witness to the backsliden and indifferent ones. We can also witness to those on the verge of becoming indifferent. We must witness to unattached Baptists that have moved in around us.

We must witness to the lost, call it personal soul-winning, personal witnessing, or whatever you want. It is not enough to try to reform people. Only regeneration can cause people to become children of God.

Knock on doors. There can never be New Testament evangelism without confrontation and contacting people. Someone says we have been door-knockers instead of soul-winners.

One may be a Sunday School teacher and teach for years and

never be saved, but you cannot, face to face, introduce another person to Jesus if you don't know Him yourself.

**REVIVAL EVANGELISM.** We do not limit evangelism to revivals, but revivals are a definite part of evangelism. From 80 percent to 90 percent of our baptisms come through the Sunday School, but 50 percent of all our baptisms come through revivals, and of course, this means that many Sunday School pupils are saved during revivals.

There are local, area-wide, tent revivals, open-air revivals — in fact, we are almost unlimited in the type revival we can have. Each association, once every three or four years, ought to have an area-wide revival. Some associations are so large they could have three or four area-wide revivals.

A church is in the business of evangelism all year, but once or twice a year we have special projects called revivals which we use to implement our regular program of evangelism and make spe-

cial efforts to win more people to Christ.

There are simultaneous revivals. Every church ought to participate once every three or four years with other churches in simultaneous revivals.

**EVANGELISM IN ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES.** This is perhaps the ripest field among us today. There are many other areas of evangelism that I shall mention later.—Jesse S. Reed, Director



by Robert J. Hastings

**Evangelism a la allegory**

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Since few such patients are expected to need a hospital bed, the new hospitals would be kept small in size. Seriously ill or injured patients not committed in advance to the policies of the hospital would not be admitted.

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## Youth conference

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Berne, Switzerland has been selected as the meeting place for the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference.

Robert S. Denny, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced that the meeting will be held July 22-28, 1968, and is expected to attract 5,000 young people from 60 or more countries.

The Swiss capital was chosen by the B. W. A. Youth Committee from a field of 17 European cities which were listed as possibilities ten months ago. The committee had voted at the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach last June that the meeting should be held in Europe and asked its administrative subcommittee to evaluate the merits of specific cities and bring back a recommendation.

The conferences, meeting at five-year intervals when possible, are aimed at bringing Baptist youth leaders from all sections of the world together for a week of fellowship and understanding, with the program planned to encourage discussion of world problems and the role of Christian youth in meeting these challenges.

## Raymer named editor

NASHVILLE—Elwyn C. Raymer on June 1 will assume the newly created position of editor of intermediate materials in the Sunday School Board's church music department.

Since 1964 Raymer has been minister of music at First Baptist Church, Waco, Tex., and an instructor in the church music department of Baylor University there.

He has been minister of music for churches in Kentucky and Arkansas and has served on the music faculty of conferences at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly.

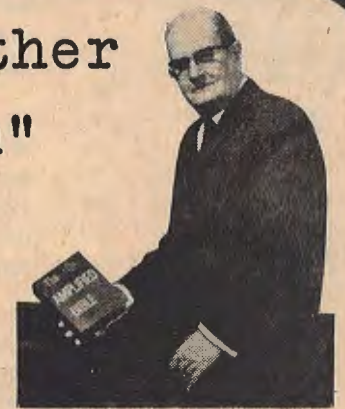
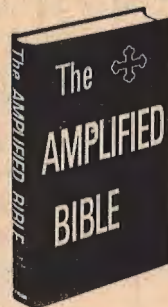
GERALD Bounds has accepted the pastorate of Hoxie Church. A native of Pocahontas, he comes to Hoxie from a Missouri pastorate. Mr. and Mrs. Bounds have three children.

## Church Music



PICTURED above are Billy Mack Baker and Miss Henri Etta Bleier, Summer Approved Music Workers for 1966 employed by the Church Music Department. Mr. Baker is a graduate of Ouachita University and is presently in the graduate school at the University of Arkansas. He has served as an approved music worker four summers previously. Miss Bleier is a native of Paragould, a graduate of Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, and is completing her first year's work at Southern Seminary, Louisville. A few dates are still available if your church is interested in securing one of these workers for one week. Contact the Church Music Department, 401 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock 72201.

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In 1965 the total number of Negro college students qualifying for summer mission work was 35. Out of the 35 national college students appointed by the Home Mission Board 11 were from Arkansas. Six of them worked in Arkansas and five served in other states. Those serving in Arkansas worked in 21 churches holding Vacation Bible Schools, enrolled 1,576 children and had 169 professions of faith.

Now, in 1966 we have had 13 Negro college students appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve this summer. Eight of these national students will serve in Arkansas and five of them will serve out of the state.

We want you to become acquainted with these students who will be working as volunteers in summer mission work. Twelve of them attend AM&N College, Pine Bluff, where we have a Baptist Student Center, under the direction of Rev. Lacy Solomon and one from the University of Arkansas.

You will receive interest on your investment, we are sure, by putting them on your prayer list, having an interest in their mission service, and just see if your investment doesn't draw double, or maybe, more than double—just for good measure.—Clyde Hart, Director



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Alzheimer First	150	68	1
Beirne First	70	38	
Berryville Freeman Heights	144	67	
Bigelow	71	48	
Blytheville First	558	138	8
Chapel	90	48	
Gosnell	282	80	
New Liberty	112	52	
Trinity	210	70	
Camden			
Cullendale First	405	136	1
First	471	184	4
Crossett First	545	161	
Dumas First	308	66	1
El Dorado			
Caledonia	53	38	
East Main	311	110	2
Ebenezer	215	98	2
First	329	577	8
Immanuel	500	180	
Trinity	214	101	1
Ft. Smith Towson Ave.	149	46	
Greenwood First	241	110	
Gurdon Beech St.	177	66	
Harrison Eagle Heights	281	96	2
Jacksonville			
First	477	189	
Second	223	48	1
Little Rock			
Immanuel	1,130	373	5
Life Line	421	127	
Rosedale	273	103	4
McGehee First	352	132	
Chapel	102	38	
Magnolia Central	667	230	1
Marked Tree First	171	55	
Monticello Second	264	105	4
North Little Rock			
Baring Cross	639	186	
South Side	55	24	
Calvary	485	127	
Forty-Seventh St.	197	68	
Gravel Ridge First	224	81	3
Runyan	88	36	
Levy	580	171	1
Park Hill	916	261	12
Sixteenth St.	47	27	
Pine Bluff			
Centennial	238	85	2
Second	190	59	
South Side	741	235	3
Tucker	38	9	
Watson Chapel	205	95	
Springdale			
Berry St.	106	55	
Elmdale	309	57	
First	442	120	2
Star City First	275	116	6
Texarkana Beech St.	491	123	3
Community	31		
Van Buren			
First	487	185	
Oak Grove	147	89	
Second	64	32	
Vandervoort First	43	19	
Warren			
First	388	93	
Southside	63	52	
Immanuel	256	75	3
Westside	34	37	
West Memphis			
Ingram Blvd.	247	118	1

**Life and Work Curriculum samples**

SAMPLES of the new Life and Work Curriculum will be available to messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention May 24-27 at Detroit.

A 40-page brochure titled "Life and Work Sample Lessons" will contain sections from the first Life and Work materials produced by the Sunday School Board's School, Training Union and Church Music Departments and by the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission. The curriculum will be offered beginning in October.

The Life and Work Curriculum is a Bible-based, church-oriented, action-inducing curriculum being prepared by and for Southern Baptists. It may be used by adults and young people in any size church.

According to the introductory

So God is dead—what else is new? I've heard this lately, haven't you?

And when they take the spade in hand

To bury God—they bury man,  
—Emily Orr Honeycutt

page, "These sample lessons are offered with the hope that you will study them carefully and choose wisely the curriculum materials which will guide the study of your church members."

After the Convention, the brochure will be mailed to pastors, ministers of music, ministers of education, associational superintendents of missions, state executive secretaries, Sunday school secretaries and music secretaries as well as Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union secretaries.—Lawson Hatfield, State Sunday School Secretary

married Christina Fox, and the next year they moved to Vincennes, Ia., and settled near Silver Creek church. This church licensed him for preaching, July 1807. In 18... was ord... and spent t... traveling an... diana and Ill... He was... ing min... church... A par... under... which in... tention to... ritory. His... and he r... fort to... them... of his... poral and... In October... his wife and... beyond the v... ment... established a... for In... in Cincinnati, O., Oct. 27, ... and served in this capacity... his death, June 21, 1846. His last words were, "Tell the brethren never to let the Indian Mission decline." For 28 years his time, talents, and devotion had

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**Arkansan is leader**

WASHINGTON (BP) — Mrs. Harold Tillman has been named executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Missionary organization of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. She will assume her new duties July 1.

A native of Arkansas, Mrs. Tillman is Girls' Auxiliary secretary for Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. She has served the Virginia WMU since 1958.

After a year and half at

# ALWAYS FRIENDS

—BY GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

TIMMY and his brother Paul liked to play together. They had bunk beds, and they shared just about everything. Timmy had begun a shell collection when the family had spent a vacation at the shore. Paul had begun a leaf collection, but he was also interested in the shells. As he looked at them now, Timmy watched closely.

"Be careful, Paul!" Timmy cried out. "Don't drop any. Watch out! You pushed that one too close to the edge of the shelf."

Neither Paul nor Timmy knew how it happened, but suddenly there was a small crash. One of the shells lay on the floor in a dozen pieces.

"See what you've done!" Timmy was almost in tears. "That was my best shell. Don't you ever touch any of my things again, Paul. You had no business handling my shells. I'm not ever going to speak to you again."

"I'm sorry," said Paul, although he did not look sorry. He looked just as angry as Timmy. "Go ahead and think more of an old shell than you do of your own brother."

Paul stalked out of the room. Timmy picked up the pieces of shell and angrily threw them into the wastebasket.

"I'm not," he whispered as he went outside. "I'm not ever, ever going to speak to Paul again."

When the angry tears had dried, Timmy felt sorry. He could see Paul over at the end of the garden. Paul was kicking dirt with his toe.

"I guess I didn't please Jesus when I became angry with my

## Double crossword

BY MARGARET MURRAY RIDENOUR

1.	2.	3.
2.		
3.		

1. Female chicken
2. Adam's wife
3. Trap for catching fish

### Answers

hen, Eve, net

brother," Timmy decided as he walked around to the front of the house. "Dear God, please help me to forgive Paul. I'm sorry I was angry. Please forgive me," he prayed.

Just then, Timmy saw a beautiful maple leaf. It was partly green and partly yellow in an unusual and pretty pattern. It would be nice in Paul's leaf collection. Timmy picked it up gladly and ran around back to find Paul.

Paul was nowhere to be seen. He no longer was at the end of the garden, kicking dirt with his toe. Probably he had gone into the house. Timmy ran in with the pretty leaf. He called Paul as he went from room to room. There was no answer, except that Mother told Timmy Paul wasn't there.

"Where can he be?"

Timmy suddenly felt afraid. Suppose his brother had run off and would never come back. Suppose he was so sorry about the shell and so sorry Timmy wouldn't speak to him that he had run away. How would Mother and

Daddy feel? How would Timmy feel?

Suddenly, Timmy's eyes blurred again. He stumbled outside. Still holding the leaf, he walked to the end of the garden where Paul had been digging with his toe. Yes, there was the little hole in the dirt caused by his kicking. Timmy sat down beside it.

"Dear God, please let Paul come back," Timmy prayed. "Please help him to know I love him and I'm not cross anymore."

Just then Paul came walking around the side of the house. He was holding something very carefully.

Timmy scrambled up and ran to meet him. "Look, Paul; I found this leaf for your collection. I'm sorry I was cross. Please forgive me."

"I'm sorry I broke your shell, Timmy. It was an accident." As Paul spoke, he held out a square box. "Here, I bought these shells for you. Mother said I could use my allowance savings. This set has shells that are different from yours."

Timmy opened the box and looked at the pretty shells. "Oh, thank you," he smiled. "These are much nicer than the ones I have—better than the one that fell. Oh, Paul, let's never be cross with each other again. It makes us unhappy and it makes God unhappy."

"We'll always be friends," Paul promised. "Come on; help me put this nice leaf in my notebook."

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# ABMC Sets Up Immunology Lab

# Dr. Young Joins Pathology Staff



Larry Griffin, who has taken special postgraduate work in immunohematology, is head of the new immunology laboratory which the pathology department recently established.

The ABMC laboratory is in the process of setting up an immunology laboratory which will be able to do advanced procedures not to be available in most private general hospitals for at least five years.

The new laboratory is now located in the anatomical pathology section but will be moved in July to the space on second floor now occupied by the volunteer office. Heading this section is a highly trained technologist, Larry Griffin, who is already developing the new procedures.

### Postgraduate Training

Griffin is a graduate of Little Rock University and worked in the ABMC laboratory during the time he was going to college. He became a registered medical technologist a year ago and last year attended the School of Basic Medical Science at the University of Tennessee at Memphis where he studied clinical immunohematology.

Griffin explained that immunohematology was a branch of serology which is a part of the overall field of immunology. Immunology is concerned with the reaction of individuals to antigens and antibodies and immunohematology is more specifically concerned with antigen and antibody reaction with red blood cells. An antigen is sometimes a foreign substance, usually protein in origin, such as a bacteria, which enters the body or an antigen may be formed by the body itself. The patient then builds up antibodies against the antigen.

### Immuno-Diffusion Studies

In the new laboratory, Griffin is developing several types of studies, including one called immuno-diffusion studies for which he is modifying existing equipment. In this he can determine the antigen-antibody reaction for such diseases as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus erythematous and certain types of thyroid diseases. He will also be able to do studies on antigen-antibody reactions requested by the blood bank and in determining the

effect of the Rh factor in pregnancy.

He also is getting equipment to do immunoelectrophoresis which will make it possible to break down to curves 30 proteins instead of the six heretofore possible. This will make much more specific diagnostic information available to doctors for the treatment of liver disease, Collagen disease, several inflammations and blood disorders.

Griffin has ordered equipment to do fluorescent antibody techniques which involve labeling antibodies with fluorescent material and studying them under an ultra-violet light. Protein deficiencies as well as the breakdown in different types of proteins can be determined in these types of studies.

### Faster Diagnosis

In the fluorescent techniques, which will not be available until the equipment arrives in six months, certain diseases can be diagnosed earlier and faster. An example of this is tuberculosis, which now takes a two-month culture growth for accurate diagnosis but with the new technique can be diagnosed in 24 hours. Syphilis can also be diagnosed and studied in both its early and chronic states.

An interesting part of the new laboratory's work will be the chromosome studies in which the chromosomes are harvested from white blood cells and enlarged 980 times in photographs. These tests will determine whether or not a person has an abnormal number of chromosomes thereby influencing the ability to reproduce or whether the defects which occur in one child would be likely to show up again if the couple had a second child. Since one out of 200 births has some type of defect, these tests can have wide use.

Griffin explained that the antigen in small quantities sometimes is introduced into the body deliberately to make it produce the necessary protective antibodies, as in the case of a small pox vaccination or a typhoid inoculation. In other cases, the body



Dr. Douglas E. Young

Dr. Douglas E. Young, assistant professor of pathology at the University of Arkansas Medical Center, will join the ABMC pathology staff on July 1. Dr. Robert Burger, chief pathologist announced last month.

Dr. Young is a diplomat in anatomic and clinical pathology with the American Board of Pathology. He is the author of several scientific medical articles.

He was graduated with high honors from the University of Arkansas, then earned a master's degree in biochemistry from the University of Arkansas Medical Center. He was graduated, again with high honors, from the UA School of Medicine in 1958. He remained there for his internship and his residency.

From 1963-65, Dr. Young served as a captain assigned to the office of the scientific director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Washington, D. C. He did special research during this time in the field of cryobiology.

Dr. Young is a member of the county, state and national medical associations. He is also a member of the College of American Pathology, the International Academy of Pathology, the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and several other honorary societies.

has already produced such antibodies and has what is called a natural immunity. Although protective in this case, antibodies can also be dangerous as are the types in which a mother with a negative blood types builds up antibodies against a fetus whose blood is positive. The new work in the immunology laboratory will aid in furthering knowledge about all types of antigen-antibody reactions.

# Two-Year Program One Answer For Shortage

One solution to the current nursing shortage in Arkansas would be to set up the two-year associate degree program as other states such as California and Texas done, Administrator J. A. Gilbreath declared last month.

Under this type program, the students would attend college where they would take nursing courses for two years and would get only limited clinical experience in hospitals before taking their state board examinations, he said. They would take the same examinations as do other nurses to become registered. This type program is usually developed in cooperation with community junior colleges although Gilbreath said that he had already talked with some of the four year state colleges about the possibilities of such a program.

He pointed out that one more three-year diploma nursing school at Warner-Brown Hospital in El Dorado had recently been closed and that the ABMC three-year program will close in two more years when the present class graduates. It will then have only the four-year degree program which is operated by Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia in conjunction with ABMC.

The present shortage of nurses at ABMC is no worse than it was a year ago, Gilbreath said. More are needed now just as they were then. He said several nurses have resigned to take positions in non-hospital positions such as the new federal program in the public schools and in industry. These will be difficult to replace, he added.

The new third and fourth floors of the wing are scheduled to be opened



Bobbie Sherwood, a student, checks with Mrs. James Crone, a general duty nurse on 3-B. Miss Sherwood will be much in demand when she finishes her three-year course in nursing because of the severe shortage of trained nurses.

July 1 and will require nursing staff but plans are to put them into operation at that time, Gilbreath said.

According to a recent newspaper account, Arkansas is at the bottom in the number of nurses per 100,000 population. There are 123 here as against

599 in Connecticut per 100,000 population. According to a report of the Arkansas State Board of Nurse Examiners, the state had 2,595 registered nurses last year and needed 6,250 more. There were 2,690 practical nurses and about 4,160 more were needed.

## Second Valve Implant



Mrs. Doyle Wilson of Morrilton helps her husband, Doyle Wilson, take a walk down the corridor at ABMC after he became the second patient to have an artificial steel and nylon valve implanted in his heart last month. He knows E. H. Beavers of Clinton who was the first and discussed the operation with him before having it done himself.

## Miss Seaton Joins Administrative Staff

Miss Martha Seaton, who formerly was youth director at Immanuel Baptist Church for three years, joined the administrative staff May 1 as secretary to Administrator J. A. Gilbreath.

Miss Seaton for the past seven years has worked in Washington D. C., as secretary to Dr. Robert Denny, executive secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. She is replacing Miss Marie Nash who resigned after the death of her father to be at home with her mother.

## MRS. STEWART GETS 1,000-HOUR AWARD

Mrs. L. L. Stewart received a 1,000-hour certificate for volunteer work with the ABMC Auxiliary at the regular meeting held at 10 a.m. April 14 in the Student Union Building.

Others receiving awards were: Mrs. A. E. Inglis, 500-hour pin; Mrs. J. O. Henry, 400-hour pin; Mrs. Gardner Lile, 300-hour pin; Mrs. James Lathrop, Mrs. James Sawyer and Mrs. George Spencer, for 200 hours; and Mrs. Rease Mitcham, Mrs. Arnold Norman, Mrs. Jack Poe and Mrs. Glen Rogers, for 100 hours.

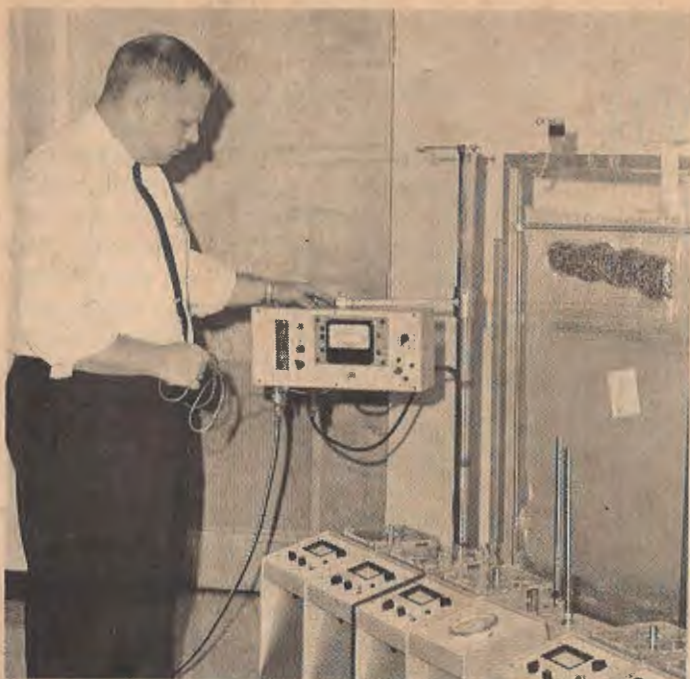
The program was presented by student nurses.

## New X-Ray Technicians



Mrs. Patricia Perrien, at left, and Mrs. Dorothy Hammons are new radiologic technicians in the radiology department. Both are registered as such. Mrs. Perrien is a graduate of the Charity Hospital School of X-Ray Technology at New Orleans and has worked for one year at the Helena Hospital at Helena. Mrs. Hammons is a graduate of the St. Vincent Infirmary School of X-Ray Technology and has been on the staff and an instructor in the school there for the past 10 years.

## New Heart Pump, EEG, Added At ABMC



Charles Reid, chief technician in the cardio-pulmonary laboratory, shows the new heart-lung machine which is used during open heart surgery to carry on the function of the heart while the heart itself is being repaired.

The Medical Center has recently purchased a second heart-lung pump at a cost of \$17,000, Purchasing Agent Robert LeMaster said last month. This is used during open heart surgery to

keep the blood circulating while the heart is being repaired.

Also new is a second electroencephalograph machine which was purchased at a cost of \$5,400. It is used for making brain wave studies.

## UA Pharmacy Students Tour Drug Store



A group of students from the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy stop to discuss some of the problems of drug retailing with Hemp Davis, registered pharmacist in the Medical Arts Drug Store during a recent class tour of the facility.

The University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy has been bringing classes on tours of the Medical Arts Drug Store during the past two months with four groups of 10 each coming through.

Robert Hurd, the manager, showed each group the prescription counter, the storeroom, the solutions room and main area of the Drug Store, discussing retailing procedures.

## Auxiliaries Collect Half-Ton Of Products

How do you solicit, collect and ship more than 1,000 pounds of Arkansas-made products and produce for a luncheon in Kansas City?

"Everyone cooperated so beautifully," said Mrs. Ray Wilson, ABMC Auxiliary President who served as luncheon chairman. "I couldn't have done it without so much wonderful help." It all began at a luncheon given last fall by Mrs. Henry Thomas, State Hospital Auxiliary president, attended by several influential people. A plan was drawn up and the work began.

Mrs. Wilson first went to the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission to get names of all Arkansas manufacturers. She then made a list of suggested items to be secured and sent a list of the ones made in a certain area to the Hospital Auxiliary Association district chairman for that area suggesting that the local auxiliaries in the area work on the manufacturers in their own hometowns.

"We wanted this to be truly a statewide project, in which everyone would have a part and it has been," said Mrs. Wilson.

The menu was planned and the food was then solicited from Arkansas producers. Just to be sure it did not lose its Arkansas flavor in the preparation, the women sent along their own favorite recipes for the Muehlbach Hotel chef.

Mrs. Wilson said that she got a tremendous response from the Arkansas suppliers. Many heard by the grapevine about the project and called to offer their products. One of these was a furniture manufacturer in Fort Smith who had been in a Sunday School class which her husband taught years ago. Another was a local bakery, which offered to make a large decorated cake for the occasion.

Jones Trucking Line carried 795 pounds of prizes without charge and the food producers paid the cost of flying the more perishable items. Commercial Warehouse stored the donations without cost until they could be shipped. The only cost was in time, energy and long distance telephone calls which the women paid for themselves. Mrs. Wilson has also written thank-you notes to each of the contributors.

## Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts to ABMC were given during April:

**IN MEMORY OF DR. JOE SHUFFIELD**

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# SOLD OUT TO EVIL

BY RALPH A. PHELPS JR.\*

TEXT: II KINGS 17; 18:9-12; HOSEA 13; AMOS 8  
MAY 29, 1966

LED by more bad rulers than good, strongly influenced by pagan neighbors, and dedicated to their own pleasure and comfort rather than to obedience to God, the people of Israel were on a collision course with destruction. No matter how urgently God tried to warn them of danger ahead, the nation rolled rapidly on toward annihilation.

Presiding over the nation's final demise was Hoshea, king during the last nine years of the Kingdom of Israel. A weak monarch who tried to save his country by power politics instead of prayerful purpose, he was a large factor in the ultimate disintegration; but he was by no means the sole cause. "He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord" (2 Kings 16:2), but the people were as much to blame as their potentate. "The people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God" (2 Kings 17:7). The result of this combined wickedness is clearly described.

## I. Secret sins.

THE historian declares, "The children of Israel did secretly those things which were not right against the Lord their God" (17:9). Their practices included a number of things associated with Baal worship—the erection of "high places" (thought sacred), the setting up of images, the burning of incense to idols, and unspecified "wicked things." Since Baal worship normally included the practice of prostitution and other sexual aberrations, it may be safely assumed that these are included in this generalized expression.

Perhaps the Israelites labored under the same mistaken idea that many hold today—that if some-

thing is done secretly and is not generally known, it is all right. The object lesson of Israel should remind us dramatically that no "secret" is hidden from the eternal God.

## II. Public warning.

WHEN the end finally came, Israel could not wail the words of the folk song, "I didn't know the gun was loaded." Time and again God warned them, directly and through his spokesman. In 2 Kings 17:12, the historian writes that the Lord said unto them "You shall not do this." The following verse adds, "Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, 'Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.'"

To appreciate how lucid these warnings were, read Amos 8 and Hosea 13, passages selected to show how God forewarned Israel. Needless to say, these warnings, like many being uttered by God's spokesmen today, fell on deaf ears. It was only a matter of time until the prophecy of Hosea 13:3 should be fulfilled: "Therefore they shall be like the morning mist or like the dew that goes early away, like the chaff that swirls from the threshing floor or like smoke from a window."

## III. Blatant defiance.

DESPITE God's warnings, "they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the Lord their God" (2 Kings 17:14). In bull-like defiance, they bowed their necks and challenged God.

That strategy is always a mistake.

Their spiritual rebellion is described in some detail before the sentence is sealed. "They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and the warnings which he gave them. They went after false gods, and became false, and they followed the nations that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had commanded them that they should not do like them. And they forsook all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made for themselves molten images of two calves; and they made an Asherah, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings, and used divinations and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord. . . ." (2 Kings 17:15-17)

## IV. Final judgment.

THE anger of God let Israel be destroyed. "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight; none was left but the tribe of Judah only" (2 Kings 17:18).

God's judgment was executed not by some mystical hocus-pocus but by a powerful pagan neighbor, Assyria. Hoshea, who had become king through conspiracy and murder of his successor, Pekah, was a vassal of Tiglath-pileser III (Pul) and paid tribute to him until the Assyrian king's death. While Shalmaneser V was trying to get established on the throne, Hoshea pulled a gambit that was to prove his ultimate undoing. He stopped paying tribute and entered into some sort of agreement with So, the king of Egypt (2 Kings 17:4). Shalmaneser marched against Hoshea, who capitulated and paid tribute to him; but the Assyrian "found treachery" in Hoshea, and therefore took him prisoner. He then besieged Samaria in an operation that was to last three years. Meanwhile he died and was succeeded by Sargon